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Title *The Holocaust: existential questions from a humanist perspective*
Abstract This interdisciplinary research is concerned with the existential questions that arise from the Holocaust. Does the Holocaust change our view of human nature? What does this mean for ethics from a humanist perspective? (Humanism taking man as central instead of for instance God). This research goes into some answers provided by social scientists, philosophers and theologians.
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 Title *Een voorgoed geschonden eeuwigheid Auschwitz in de nederlandse letteren* ['Eternity foreve violated. Reflections on God and man in Duth Holocaust Literature]
 Abstract This study looks for the views on God and man in egodocuments about the nazi concentration camps. God can be looked upon as the Almighty who punishes or tests his people. But there might also be literary texts which foreshadow some of the theological developments of the second half of the 20th century, like the suffering God, or God as the power of love and goodness in people. Man can be boked upon as a wild beast who is contained by a thin layer of civilisation, that cracks as soon as the conditions make it possible. But also as a being whose essence is caring and compassion.
 Keywords *Theologi, Comparative Literature, Egodocuments, Autobiography*

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